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In re application of:

Jonathan J. Hull et al.

Application No.: 10/758,067

Filed: January 14, 2004

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
AUTOMATICALLY AND
TRANSPARENTLY ARCHIVING
DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENT
META DATA

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 5097

Examiner: Madeleine Anh Vinh
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Art Unit: 2625

REPLY TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Commissioner:

This paper is filed in response to the Interview Summary mailed April 30, 2009 summarizing the telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on April 16, 2009 between Examiner Madeleine Anh Vinh Nguyen and the undersigned regarding the above referenced application. As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the kind and courteous Interview and for her efforts to help advance prosecution of this matter.

Generally, the Interview was directed to the rejections presented in the non-final Office Action dated January 26, 2009 and the proposed response subsequently filed on April 27, 2009. Additionally, Examiner Nguyen raised a question regarding the meaning

of the phrase "format acceptable for storage in at least one database for the document management device" recited in the then pending claims. In response to this question, the Applicants explained that the electronic image data generated from an electronic file is different from the electronic file itself and proposed amending the claims to address the Examiner's concerns. No agreement was reached as to what amendments would alleviate the Examiner's concerns.

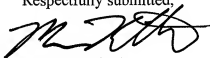
As for the rejections presented in the non-final Office Action and addressed in the Amendment filed April 27, 2009, no agreement was reached. Rather, Examiner Nguyen maintains that the claim recitations are obvious in light of the single cited reference, Freeman et al. (US Publication No. 2007/026980). The Applicants respectfully maintained that such a position is not supported by the cited reference and requested clarification of the Examiner's interpretation of the teachings of Freeman et al. As addressed in detail in the Amendment in response to the non-final Office Action, Freeman et al. does not teach or suggest each claim limitation. For example, Freeman et al. does not teach or suggest archiving or generating electronic image data at the time an e-mail document is created as recited in the then pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants Jonathan J. Hull et al..

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at .

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